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Earned Degrees

Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN

Ph.D. in Public History, 2016

Dissertation: "Talking Back with Post-it Notes: Informal Data Collection and Museum Visitors"

Exam Fields: Public History, Twentieth Century US History, Public Memory, Ethnography

Dissertation Committee: Dr. Rebecca Conard (chair), Dr. Mary Hoffschwelle, Dr. Martha Norkunas, Dr. Ying Jin, Dr. David Thelen

West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV

M.A. in History, 2012

Specialization: Public History

Graduate Certificate: Cultural Resource Management

Fields of Study: Public History, Appalachia, Twentieth Century US History, World History Pedagogy

Advisor: Dr. Melissa Bingmann

Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA

B.A. in History, 2009

M.S. in Statistics, 2007

B.S. in Statistics, Mathematics, 2006

Double Major: Applied Computational Mathematics and Statistics

Minor: Asian Area Studies

Current Employment

Consultant, Public History, Passel Historical Consulting, 2016-present

Ongoing Projects: National Park Service, C&O Canal National Historical Park, Administrative History

Teaching Employment

Lamar University, Assistant Professor (Tenure-Track) and Founding Director of Public History, 2016-2017

Columbia State Community College, Adjunct Faculty of History, 2016

Motlow State Community College, Adjunct Faculty of Statistics, 2016

Middle Tennessee State University, Graduate Instructor & Teaching Resident, 2013-2015

West Virginia University, Graduate Instructor, 2010-2012

Public History Employment

Digital Services, Smyrna Public Library & Archive, Smyrna, TN, Aug. 2014 to Jan. 2016
Public History Fellow, National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, Cooperstown, NY, Mar. 2014 to Oct. 2014
Circulation Supervisor, James E. Walker Library & Special Collections, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN, Jan. 2013 to Aug. 2014
Archivist Graduate Assistant, Center for Popular Music, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN, Aug. 2012 to Aug. 2013
Archival Assistant, West Virginia and Regional History Center, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV, May 2012 to Aug. 2012
Curatorial Intern, Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library and Museum, Staunton, VA, May 2011 to Aug. 2011
Archival Assistant, Special Collections, University Libraries, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA, Feb. 2009 to May 2009; May 2010 to Aug. 2010
Statistical Consultant, Self-Employed (Virginia Western Community College & Virginia Tech Department of Forestry), Blacksburg, VA, Jan. 2007 to Apr. 2009
Quality Assurance, Minitab, Inc., State College, PA, May 2007 to Aug. 2007
Archival Assistant, Chesapeake and Ohio Historical Society, Clifton Forge, VA, May 2003 to Aug. 2004

Published Scholarship

Refereed Articles or Chapters

“The Edith Lett Papers: West Virginia, The Federal Writers’ Project, and the Everyman Writer.” *West Virginia History: A Journal of Regional Studies*. New Series, Volume 10, Number 2 (Fall 2016): 111-132.
“A Good Baseball Club is a Splendid Advertisement for a Town’: Baseball and the New South in Clifton Forge, Virginia.” *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*. Volume 124, Number 3 (Fall 2016).

Refereed Articles or Chapters Accepted for Publication

“Talking Back at Seminary Ridge: Visitor Studies & Religion.” *The Public Historian* 39, no. 3 (August 2017). Co-authored with Barbara Franco.
“The Politics of Negro League Memory.” In *Negro Leagues = Major Leagues*, ed. Todd Peterson. (Jefferson, NC: McFarland, 2017).
“A Secret Fascination’: Professional Wrestling and Gender Non-Conformity.” In *Wrestling with Identity*, ed. Aaron Horton (Publisher TBD, 2017). Co-authored with Elizabeth Catte.
“Talk-Back Boards and Visitors.” In *Interpreting Religion at Museums and Historic Sites*, eds. Melissa Bingmann, Gretchen Buggeln, and Barbara Franco (Rowman & Littlefield, 2017).
“Playing Ball at Memorial Park: Reflections on Sport and Public History,” *International Journal of the History of Sport*, Vol. 35, No. 9 (June 2018).
“Defending Person and Reputation: Efforts to End Extralegal Violence in Western Virginia, 1890-1900,” *American Journal of Legal History*, TBA (2018).

Exhibits and Digital Work

- "Integrating Mirabeau's University," Pop-up Exhibit. Lamar University. Launched February 1, 2017.
- "Public History Genealogy," Digital Project. Launched Oct. 2015. Available at <https://tree.jhowardhistory.com>.
- "Public History Norrath: An MMO Oral History Project." Digital exhibit and oral history collection. Launched Jul. 2015. Available at <https://norrath.jhowardhistory.com>.
- "The Wendell Smith Papers." Digital archive and exhibit. National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum. Launched September 2014.
- "Wynnewood." Project director for phase two of three (interpretive, educational, and preservation development) for exhibit installation at Wynnewood State Historic Site, Gallatin, TN. Spring 2013.
- "Woodrow, Teddy, William, and Eugene." Temporary exhibit design. Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library and Museum. August 2011.

Other Scholarly Activities

Project in Preparation

- "Informal Learning, Informal Data," manuscript in preparation on visitor studies using data collected through non-scientific means
- "The Clifton Forge: Pastkeepers of the Appalachian New South," book manuscript in preparation on Appalachia, the New South, and public memory

Other Public History Work and Completion Reports

- "Biographical Sketches of Architects in Virginia: Carneal, Collins, Currie, and Johnston." Series of short biographical essays. *New Dominion Virginia Initiative*, Virginia Department of Historic Resources. 2013. Available at <http://www.dhr.virginia.gov/NewDominion/>.
- "My Homeland, Tennessee': Grade 3-5 Lesson Kit." Series of Lesson Plans. The Center for Popular Music. 2013.
- Lawson, S., Kiser, B., Hockett, K., Reigner, N., Howard, J., Ingram, A., & Dymond, S. *Social science research to inform soundscape management in Haleakala National Park: Study completion report*. Blacksburg: Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, College of Natural Resources. 2007.
- Lawson, S., Hockett, K., Kiser, B., Reigner, N., Ingram, A., Howard, J., & Dymond, S. *Social science research to inform soundscape management in Hawaii Volcanoes National Park: Study completion report*. Blacksburg: Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, College of Natural Resources. 2007.
- Lawson, S., Kiser, B., Hockett, K., Reigner, N., Howard, J., & Dymond, S. *Social science research to support Visitor Experience and Resource Protection (VERP) Planning in Haleakala National Park: Study completion report*. Blacksburg: Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, College of Natural Resources. 2007.

Select Invited Scholarly Blog Posts

- Jerrold I. Casway, *The Culture and Ethnicity of Nineteenth Century Baseball* (Jefferson, NC: McFarland, 2016). Book review for *Sport in American History*, ussporthistory.com, TBD.
- William A. Young, *J.L. Wilkinson and the Kansas City Monarchs: Trailblazers in Black Baseball* (Jefferson, NC: McFarland, 2016). Book review for *Sport in American History*, ussporthistory.com, Aug. 27, 2016.
- Adam Henig, *Under One Roof: The Yankees, the Cardinals, and a Doctor's Battle to Integrate Spring Training* (Minneapolis, MN: Wise Ink Creative Publishing, 2016). Book review for *Sport in American History*, ussporthistory.com, Aug. 27, 2016.
- "Reflections on Sport & Public History, NCPH 2016," *Sport in American History*, ussporthistory.com, Apr. 25, 2016.
- "Friends of Coal and Sport," *Sport in American History*, ussporthistory.com, Jan. 28, 2016.
- "Disappointment in Pittsburgh: How the Pirates Ditched Pittsburgh's Negro Leagues Past," *New Pittsburgh Courier*, Oct. 14, 2015. Also published on *Sport in American History*, available at <http://ussporthistory.com/2015/10/12/2902/>.
- "The Oral History of MMOs," *Play the Past*, playthepast.org, Sept. 3, 2015. Available at <http://www.playthepast.org/?p=5361>.
- "A Confederate on Campus: Nathan Bedford Forrest as MTSU's Mascot," *Sport in American History*, ussporthistory.com, Aug. 24, 2015. Available at <http://ussporthistory.com/2015/08/24/nathan-bedford-forrest-and-mtsu/>.
- Sarah Trembanis, *The Set-Up Men: Race, Culture, and Resistance in Black Baseball* (Jefferson, NC: McFarland, 2014). Book review for *Sport in American History*, ussporthistory.com, Jun. 1, 2015.
- "Never Meet Your Heroes: Reflecting on My Time at the Baseball Hall of Fame." *Sport in American History*, ussporthistory.com, Apr. 6, 2015. Available at <http://bit.ly/1NPdsxD>.
- "'A Secret Fascination': Professional Wrestling, Gender Non-Conformity, and Masculinity." *Sport in American History*, ussporthistory.com, Mar. 5, 2015. Available at <http://bit.ly/1EAWxCM>. Co-authored with Elizabeth Catte.

Book Reviews

- Jason Peterson, *Full Court Press: Mississippi State University, the Press, and the Battle to Integrate College Basketball* (Jackson: University Press of Mississippi, 2016). *Journal of Southern History*, TBD.
- Jorge Iber, *Mike Torrez: A Baseball Biography* (Jefferson, NC: McFarland, 2016). *Journal of Sport History*, TBD.
- Michael Corzine, *Team Chemistry: The History of Drugs and Alcohol in Major League Baseball* (Chicago: University of Illinois Press, 2016). *Journal of Sport History*, Volume 44, Number 1, Spring 2017.
- Robert M. Gorman and David Weeks, *Death at the Ballpark: More Than 2,000 Game-Related Fatalities of Players, Other Personnel and Spectators in Amateur and Professional Baseball, 1962-2014* (Jefferson, NC: McFarland & Company, Inc., 2015). *Journal of Sport History*, Volume 43, Number 3, Fall 2016.
- Aaron Purcell, ed., *Interpreting American History: The New Deal and the Great Depression* (Kent, OH: The Kent State University Press, 2014). *The Southern Historian*, Volume 37, Spring 2016.

Papers Presented and Other Invited Work

- "Public Sport History & the College Campus." Working group participant at the Annual Meeting of the National Council on Public History. Indianapolis, IN. 2017.
- "Doing Digital Sport History." Invited talk for Dr. Heather Dichter's sports heritage course at De Montfort University. March 23, 2017.
- "A Secret Fascination: Professional Wrestling, Gender Non-Conformity, and Masculinity." Paper presented at the Forty-Fourth Annual Convention of the North American Society for Sport History. Atlanta, GA. 2016. Presented with Elizabeth Catte.
- "Public History and the Potential of Sports History Museums." Working Group chair at the Annual Meeting of the National Council on Public History. Baltimore, MD. 2016.
- "Visitors Talk Back: What Post-it Notes Can Tell a Museum." Paper presented the Annual Meeting of the American Association for State and Local History. Louisville, KY. 2015.
- "The Wendell Smith Papers: Creating a Digital Exhibit/Archive at the National Baseball Hall of Fame." Paper presented at the 18th annual Jerry Malloy Negro League Conference hosted by the Society for American Baseball Research Negro Leagues Research Committee. Pittsburgh, PA. 2015.
- "Free, Separate, Uncertain: Can Public History Play?" Working group participant at the Annual Meeting of the National Council on Public History. Nashville, TN. 2015.
- "Wendell Smith, the Hall of Fame, and a Scholar in Residence." Paper presented at the 20th Annual Baseball in Literature and Culture Conference. Murfreesboro, TN. 2015.
- "Wrestling with Reality: The WWE and Representations of Male Sexuality." Paper presented at the 8th Summit of the International Association for Communication and Sport. Charlotte, NC. 2015. Presented with Elizabeth Catte.
- "Historical Empathy." Invited talk and interview with Dr. Jinny Turman for graduate public history seminar at University of Nebraska Kearney. 2015.
- "Captain Goodman and a Human Devil: Murder vs. Justifiable Homicide in Nineteenth Century Virginia." Paper presented at the Kentucky-Tennessee American Studies Association 2014 Conference. Murfreesboro, TN. 2014.
- "The Gentleman's Sport in a Professional Era: Alternatives to Professional Baseball in the Late-Nineteenth Century South." Paper presented at the 19th Annual Baseball in Literature and Culture Conference. Murfreesboro, TN. 2014.
- "The Federal Government's Everyman: The Federal Writers' Project, 1935-1942." Paper presented at the Phi Alpha Theta 2014 Tennessee Regional Conference. Cookeville, TN. 2014.
- "Amalgamations and Aggregations: Baseball Team Composition and the Development of Local Identity in Alleghany County, Virginia, 1890-1900." Paper presented at the 18th Annual Baseball in Literature and Culture Conference. Murfreesboro, TN. 2013.
- "Everyone played ball to win?": Northern Industry, Southern Identity, and Late-Nineteenth Century Baseball in Appalachian Virginia." Paper presented at the Second Annual Tri-University Conference for the Trans-Disciplinary Study of Sport. State College, PA. 2013.
- "The Troubled Guide to the Mountain State." Paper presented at the Third Annual Meeting of the Society of Appalachian Historians. Morgantown, WV. 2012.

“‘That Scurrilous Manuscript’: The West Virginia Writers’ Project.” Paper presented at the 15th Annual Brian Bertoti Innovative Perspectives in History Graduate Conference. Blacksburg, VA. 2012.

“The Racial Aspect of Fake Fighting: Discursive Representations of Race Relations in the Twenty-First Century via Professional Wrestling.” Paper presented at the annual joint meeting of the Popular Culture Association and the American Culture Association. San Antonio, TX. 2011.

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

Webb Society Chapter of the Year, Texas State Historical Association, 2016-2017

Dissertation Writing Fellow, Middle Tennessee State University, 2015-2016

John Coates Next Generation Award, 18th Annual Jerry Malloy Negro Leagues Conference, 2015

Bart McCash Memorial Scholarship, Middle Tennessee State University Department of History, 2014 & 2015

Graduate Travel Award, Middle Tennessee State University Public History Program, 2012-2015

Graduate Travel Award, Middle Tennessee State University College of Graduate Studies, 2013, 2014, 2015

Humanities Summer Internship Award, West Virginia University, 2011

Provost Fellowship, West Virginia University, 2009-2010

Teaching

Lamar University Courses Taught

HIST 1301: Survey of US History I

HIST 1302: Survey of US History II

HIST 1302H: Survey of US History II, Honors

HIST 4321: Sport in Modern America (study abroad, London)

HIST 4392: Internships in History

HIST 4393: Public History Essentials

HIST 5321: Sport in Modern America (study abroad, London, graduate)

HIST 5393: Public History Essentials (graduate)

Lamar University Courses Designed & Added to Catalog

HIST 4393: Public History Essentials

HIST 5393: Public History Essentials (graduate)

HIST 5394: Seminar in Public History

HIST 5395: Seminar in Local History

HIST 5396: Digital History

HIST 5397: Museums and Historical Interpretation

HIST 5398: Oral History

HIST 5399: Public History Lab

MTSU, WVU, CSCC, and MSCC Courses Taught

HIST 1120: Survey of World History II
HIST 2010: Survey of US History I
HIST 2020: Survey of US History II
HIST 3110: Essentials of Public History
MATH 1502: Introduction to Statistics

Teaching Development

Developing Students as Leaders in the Classroom, Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence, Lamar University, March 7, 2017
The Interpreter's Role with Deaf Students, Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence, Lamar University, February 15, 2017
Online Assessment Workshop, Learning, Teaching, and Innovative Technologies Center, Middle Tennessee State University, October 14, 2015
Teaching Without a Textbook Workshop, Learning, Teaching, and Innovative Technologies Center, Middle Tennessee State University, October 22, 2014
Understanding Cultural Learning Styles Workshop, West Virginia University, Spring 2011
Graduate Instructor Colloquium, West Virginia University, Fall 2010
New Instructor Observation, West Virginia University, Fall 2010

Service

Departmental

Founding Director, Public History Program, Lamar University, 2016 to Present
Member, History 1301-1302 Committee, Lamar University, 2016 to Present
Sponsor, The Walter Prescott Webb Historical Society, Lamar University, 2016 to Present
Texas State Historical Association, Webb Society Chapter of the Year, 2016
Member, Public History Committee, Middle Tennessee State University, 2014 to 2015
President, Association of Graduate Students in History, 2013 to 2014

College and University

Committee Chair, Voices Oral History Project, Center for History and Culture of Southeast Texas and the Upper Gulf Coast, Lamar University, 2016 to Present
Advisory Committee Member, Center for History and Culture of Southeast Texas and the Upper Gulf Coast, Lamar University, 2016 to Present
Advisory Committee Member, Spindletop-Gladys City Boomtown Museum, Lamar University, 2016 to Present
Member College of Arts and Science Curriculum Committee, Lamar University, 2016 to Present
Graduate Council, Middle Tennessee State University, 2014 to 2015
Travel Committee, College of Graduate Studies, Middle Tennessee State University, 2014 to 2015
President, Graduate Student Association, Middle Tennessee State University, 2014 to 2015

Professional

List Editor, H-Sport, <https://networks.h-net.org/h-sport>, 2016 to 2017
Co-Editor, *Sport in American History*, <http://ussporthistory.com/>, June 2015 to Present

Membership Committee, National Council on Public History, 2015 to Present
H-SPORT Archive Project, <https://networks.h-net.org/node/2622/pages/3483/h-sport-archive-project>, 2013 to Present

Community

Judge, Southeast Texas District History Day Competition, 2017
Judge, Middle Tennessee District History Day Competition, 2013, 2014, 2015
Volunteer Exhibit Designer, Chesapeake and Ohio Historical Society, 2012

Professional Organizations

Current

National Council on Public History
American Association of State and Local History
Visitor Studies Association
Society for American Baseball Research
Appalachian Studies Association
Society of Appalachian Historians
Southern Historical Association
American Association of University Professors
Society of American Archivists

Previous

Phi Alpha Theta
Virginia Alpha Chapter of Mu Sigma Rho: National Statistics Honor Society, 2006 to 2008

Digital Skills

Statistics and Coding

SAS, SPSS Statistics, Matlab, Minitab, Mathematica, R, C, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, GameMaker Studio, Unity

Public History

Omeka, XML, PastPerfect, Millennium, Sierra, RFID Software, Photoshop, QDA Miner, WordStat

References

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